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intermediate and said outer protective layers, and said film has a maximum ram puncture force of at least 100 Newtons, a hot water puncture resistance of at least 100 seconds at 95°C and a hot water seal strength of at least 200 seconds at 95°C.

REMARKS

Applicants claim the benefit of the filing date of the additional priority application number 09/110,455, filed July 7, 1998 and amend the application to insert reference to this copending application.

Other amendments are made to the specification for clarity and correction of typographical errors.

Claims 76, 80 and 86 are amended to correct a dependency and to rephrase referenced portions. No new matter is added.

Examination of the application and allowance of all the claims are requested.

No additional fee is believed to be required because this amendment does not add any additional claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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